

Preparing Your Child For School – August 2010

Drawings for FREE School Supplies at every workshop, while supplies last.

Drawings for tickets to Nationals' game on August 14 at all workshops between August 10-August 14.

Date	Time	Program	Presenter	Location
August 5, 10, 12	Noon	Family Book Club	Marketta Wiley, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy, 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 10	1 p.m.	Everything You Need to Know about Pre-K	Eboni-Rose Thompson and Marketta Wiley, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 10	6 p.m.	What to Expect in Middle and High school	Eboni-Rose Thompson, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy, 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 10	1 p.m.	Special Education 101	Karla Reid-Witt, Office of Family and Public Engagement and Advocates for Justice	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy, 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 10	1 p.m. and 6 p.m.	How to Prepare Your Child for a Successful School Year	Marketta Wiley, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy, 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 11	6:30 p.m.	How to Prepare Your Child for a Successful School Year	Kate Amburgey and Arturo Salcedo, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 1 (inside Harriet Tubman ES, 3101 13 th St., NW) 202-673-2028
August 12	9 a.m.	Back-to-School Secrets	Neal Ables, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 8 (inside M.C. Terrell ES, 3301 Wheeler Rd, SE) 202-645-6619
August 12	6:30 p.m.	Planning for Success: Using the Individual Graduation Portfolio	Heather Cabrera, DCPS Office of Secondary School Transformation	PFRC Ward 1 (inside Harriet Tubman ES, 3101 13 th St., NW) 202-673-2028
POSTPONED	Noon For information about transportation call 202-673-2028	30 Minute Meals: Healthy Eating Made Fun and Easy POSTPONED	Sarah Bernardi, Bancroft ES, Chef Ian Barthley, Roosevelt STAY Culinary Program, Betsy Calloway, Children's Health Advocate	PFRC Ward 8 (inside M.C. Terrell ES, 3301 Wheeler Rd, SE) 202-645-6619

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August 17	6:30 p.m.	Are you listening to me? Quick Tips for Positive Communication	Amanda Chesney, Department of Mental Health	PFRC Ward 1 (inside Harriet Tubman ES, 3101 13th St., NW) 202-673-2028
August 18	6 p.m.	PTA Prep Series	Eboni-Rose Thompson, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 7 (inside Transition Academy, 5601 E. Capitol St., SE) 202-645-4374
August 18	6:30 p.m.	Parents' Right to Know and DCPS School Scorecard Focus Group	Curtis Johnson and Jaime Willis, DCPS Office of Federal Programs and Enoch Woodhouse, DCPS Office of Data and Accountability	PFRC Ward 1 (inside Harriet Tubman ES, 3101 13th St., NW) 202-673-2028
August 19	9 a.m.	(New) Parent Orientation	Crystal Powell, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 8 (inside M.C. Terrell ES, 3301 Wheeler Rd, SE) 202-645-6619
August 19	6:30 p.m.	How to Prepare Your Child for a Successful School Year	Gleeson Young, DCPS Instructional Coach and Yung Tu, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 1 (inside Harriet Tubman ES, 3101 13 th St., NW) 202-673-2028
August 21	Noon For information about transportation call 202-673-2028	Weh de go? Gullah Storytelling and Tour of the Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum	Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum Staff	Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, DC 20020
August 26	9 a.m.	Live, Learn, Lead: Tapping Into Your Leadership Skills	Octavia Shaw, Office of Family and Public Engagement	PFRC Ward 8 (inside M.C. Terrell ES, 3301 Wheeler Rd, SE) 202-645-6619

Chancellor's Community Forum

Date	Time	Topic	Location
August 18	6:30 p.m.	Looking Forward to the 2010-2011 School Year	M.C. Terrell ES 3301 Wheeler Rd, SE

This month, we are focusing on ways to help you prepare your child for a great school year. Join us to learn simple strategies you can use at home, meet other DCPS families and participate in activities to help maintain student achievement. Families will receive school supplies at each of these programs, while supplies last.

Children are welcome at all of these programs. Please call ahead to request child care. Need interpretation? No problem – just let us know.

30 Minute Meals: Healthy Eating Made Fun and Easy - Not sure how to feed your family healthy meals or snacks without spending all of your money and taking up all of your time? We'll show you how to prepare simple healthy meals and snacks and we'll break down the healthy eating jargon. This program will use fresh produce from a school garden and from local farmers markets, and include tips on how to use canned and frozen vegetables. Your guides on this culinary adventure will be Sarah Bernardi, art teacher and co-coordinator of the well-known garden program at Bancroft ES and garden coordinator of DC Greens, Ian Barthley, Roosevelt STAY culinary program instructor, and Betsy Calloway, a local childhood obesity and diabetes advocate. *For families and children of all ages.*

*Transportation to the event may be provided. For more information or to RSVP, please call 202-673-2028 by August 12. **This event has been postponed.***

Are you listening to me? Quick tips for Positive Communication - Do you sometimes think that your child doesn't listen to you? Are there times when talking to your child is like talking to a stranger? You're not alone. Join school psychologists from the Department of Mental Health to discover ways to communicate positively with your child. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Back-to-School Secrets - What you are expecting for the 2010-2011 school year? Expect the Best! This session will provide you with resources, tips, and activities that you and your child can do to be fully prepared and ready to go back to school. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Chancellor's Community Forum: Looking Forward to the 2010-11 School Year - Join Chancellor Michelle Rhee to discuss the vision and plans for moving DCPS students forward in the upcoming school year. If you need child care or interpretation services, please contact Katie Test at 202-724-4825 or e-mail katie.test@dc.gov. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Everything You Need to Know about Pre-K - This workshop will cover activities you can do at home, what your student will learn their first year, and successful communication with your child's school. *For parents and caregivers of children ages 3 and 4.*

Family Book Club - Spend time with your child and other families reading books, playing games and strengthening your child's love for literacy. Families receive a free book to take home during each Family Book Club. Light refreshments will be served. *For parents and children ages 6 and younger.*

How to Prepare Your Child for a Successful School Year - It's back to school time once again. Get information on everything you need to know to have a successful school year. Stop in for this crash course on learning standards, questions to ask your child's teacher, and tips for learning at home. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Live, Learn, Lead: Tapping Into Your Leadership Skills - Everyone has the skills to be a leader. Some of those skills can make you effective or ineffective. What does it take to be an effective, inclusive, and participatory leader? Come and learn what a leader is and ways to use your talents to be a leader in your child's school. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

(New) Parent Orientation - Are you a new DCPS parent or a current parent who needs a refresher about DCPS? Come learn about DCPS policies and your rights and responsibilities. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Parents' Right to Know and DCPS Scorecard Focus Group - Do you understand No Child Left Behind or what it means if your child attends a "Title 1 School"? Join us for dinner and conversation about this important topic, share suggestions about the way the District uses Title 1 funds, and provide us your opinions (and preferences) about upcoming DCPS School Scorecard layout. To RSVP and to request child care or interpretation, please call the Center at 202-673-2028. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Planning for Success: Using the Individual Graduation Portfolio - All Middle and High School students have an Individual Graduation Portfolio (IGP), an on-line tool that allows you and your child to: view their courses and graduation requirements; prepare for tests such as the PSAT, SAT, ACT; determine and understand their learning styles; and identify resources for college or a career. This hands-on workshop is for *parents, caregivers and students in middle and high school (grades 6-12).*

PTA Prep Series - Start preparing for the 2010-2011 school year now by participating in PTA Prep workshops. These workshops will focus on how parent organizations can successfully organize, recruit members and plan activities to help parents support schools. This month's topic: recruiting and maintaining members. *For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.*

Weh de go? Gullah Storytelling and Tour of the Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum - The Gullah people of South Carolina have a unique culture that blends West African traditions with African American history. Join other families to have lunch, hear a Gullah storyteller and take a guided tour with museum. *For families and children of all ages.*

Transportation to the event may be provided. For more information or to RSVP, please call 202-673-2028 by August 18.

What to Expect in Middle and High School - Have questions about your student's transition into middle school? Get tips on how to make the transition easier and what you and your middle or high school student should expect. *For parents and caregivers of children in middle or high school.*